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RE: Status Letter TC 3600
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/481,126

Dear Sir:

I am writing to request a status check of the above-referenced application. According to the Public and Private PAIR systems, there is an outstanding Non-Final Office Action, but in there is no such Office Action in the transaction history nor have we ever received a Non-Final Office Action. The last communication from the USPTO was Request for Information under 37 C.F.R. §1.105, which we responded to on January 18, 2005.

If you would please let us know the status of the above-referenced application, we would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

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